



Crop Progress and Condition

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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.8. Farming activities included making hay, harvesting small grains, planting crops, and applying herbicides. High temperatures were in the 90s, and lows were in the 50s to 60s. Precipitation was up from the previous week, which delayed field work, but provided good moisture for the crops.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 06/14/15

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	2	20	69	10
Subsoil	2	16	79	3

- Represents zero.

CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 06/14/15

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	7	7	21	63	2
Grapes	3	2	9	86	-
Peaches	12	8	21	59	-
Barley	-	5	27	59	9
Corn	-	3	18	65	14
Cotton	-	-	12	85	3
Hay, Alfalfa	-	3	32	57	8
Hay, Other	1	7	32	55	5
Oats	2	5	49	40	4
Peanuts	-	-	10	90	-
Potatoes, Summer	-	-	15	85	-
Soybeans	-	2	22	69	7
Tobacco, Burley	-	1	57	42	-
Tobacco, Fire-cured	-	3	44	51	2
Tobacco, Flue-cured	3	3	24	56	14
Winter Wheat	1	2	20	64	13
Pasture	2	11	32	49	6
Livestock	1	6	26	56	11

-Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 06/14/15

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Barley harvested	42	30	47	-
Corn emerged	93	87	95	97
Cotton planted	100	99	99	100
Cotton squaring	17	-	4	12
Oats harvested	25	15	38	-
Peanuts planted	98	96	99	100

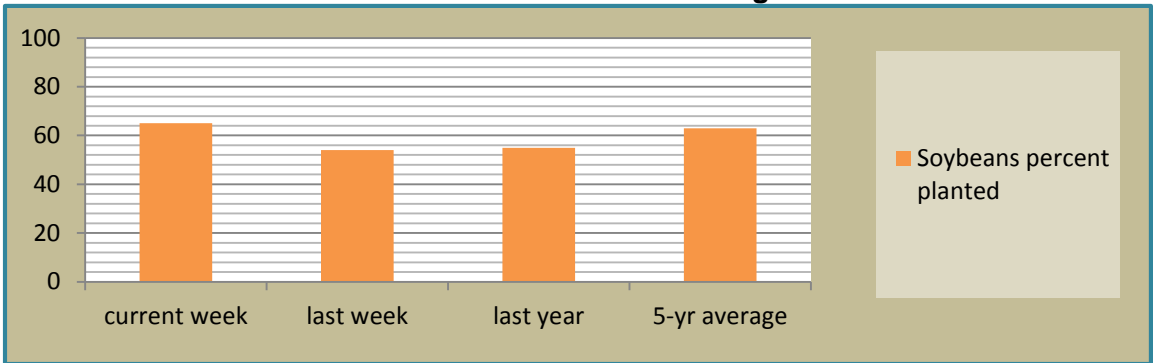
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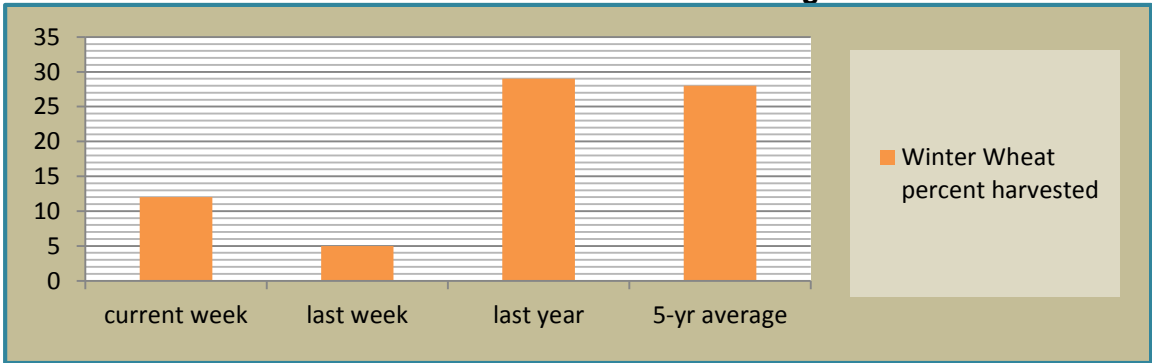
Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Soybeans planted	65	54	55	63
Soybeans emerged	52	41	46	50
Tobacco, Burley transplanted	79	70	88	88
Tobacco, Fire-cured transplanted	85	75	97	99
Winter Wheat harvested	12	5	29	28

- Represents data not available.

SOYBEANS PLANTED for week ending 06/14/15



WINTER WHEAT HARVESTED for week ending 06/14/15



Weather Summary- For the week ending June 14, 2015

City	Temperature						Growing degree days (modified base 50)		Precipitation				
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal *	Mar. 1 to June 6	Mar. 1 to June 6 norm	Last Week	Since June 1	June 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	85	62	90	56	74	5	1252	1144	0.69	2.54	0.97	15.92	-3.73
Norfolk	88	70	94	60	79	7	1422	1238	0.24	4.48	2.95	19.48	-0.60
Richmond	89	67	96	60	78	6	1492	1269	0.27	2.58	1.07	20.57	1.35
Roanoke	86	65	91	59	75	5	1311	NA	0.70	5.44	3.83	20.40	0.79
Wash/Dulles	86	64	92	57	75	6	1214	NA	1.07	2.01	0.17	15.88	-2.80

* Normal based on 1971-2000 data. NA-Not available. Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>. Source: USDA, NASS, Virginia Field Office.

REPORTER COMMENTS BY COUNTY – Comments are based on remarks made by extension agents, farmers, commodity specialists, and other knowledgeable individuals.

WESTERN

ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas A Stanley)

Seasonally warm and humid conditions with scattered afternoon thunderstorms characterized this week. Some farms in the region are reporting limited moisture levels but overall crop conditions remain good.

CENTRAL

CAMPBELL (Todd Scott)

I have seen several gardens with vegetable not forming due to incomplete pollination. Very few honey bees have been seen in this area.

CAROLINE (Mike Broaddus)

The past rains of last week did damage to a lot of small grain, barley especially. Many farmers reporting low test weights and suspect the same reporting in wheat. Due to recent rains, corn and soybeans are doing well.

CHESTERFIELD (Charlotte Maxwell)

It's been consistently in the 90s with .57 inches of rain.

EASTERN

GLOUCESTER (David Moore)

Been wet for awhile and activities have been halted. Small grains harvest beginning. Barley yields are good. Wheat harvest is slowly starting. Yields are about average and moisture is dropping in a hurry. Quality is good for now. Soybean planting continues. Now on to double cropping. Veggies look good and haymaking slowly continues. During the last week showers delivered 5-8 inches of rain across the area.

NORTHAMPTON (Ursula Deitch)

It has been a very hot, dry week with very high humidity. The majority of our vegetable producers are working around the clock to irrigate their crops. Wheat harvest should begin this week. Soybean planting after wheat harvest will continue.

SOUTHERN

GRAYSON (Kevin Spurlin)

Overall, the county is dry. Spotty showers did little to help soil moisture last week, but did reduce hay quality slightly. High humidity made hay curing difficult. Corn is progressing well.

SOUTHEASTERN

CHESAPEAKE CITY (Watson Lawrence Jr.)

Farmers are busy making soybean replant decisions following substantial rains last week. Wheat harvest should begin in a big way next week. Alfalfa and hay second cuttings are also very active. Some local summer vegetables are showing up at markets.

MECKLENBURG (Taylor Clarke)

Hot.

PRINCE GEORGE (Scott Reiter)

Field work was in a sprint this week after previous rain delays. Limited areas in the county received some rain from thunderstorms Saturday and Sunday. Soybean planting and soybean herbicide applications were major activities. Some replanting occurred due to seed issues and heavy rains shortly after planting at some locations. Barley harvest was in high gear with most of the acreage brought in this week. Wheat harvest also started this week. Quality and test weight were better than expected from early reports. Yields are average for the early varieties that were ready this week.

SUSSEX (Kevin Wells)

Much needed rain fell over our area this week that should jump start our crops at the right time. Nitrogen applications are being made on corn and cotton at this time. Wheat harvest will begin as soon as the fields dry down.